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Re: Written *Ex Parte* Presentations
ET Docket Nos. 04-186 and 02-380
Alaska Broadcasters Association


Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith, in duplicate, on behalf of the Alaska Broadcasters Association, are copies of written *ex parte* presentations in the above-captioned rulemaking proceedings made by e-mail on October 20, 2008, to Chairman Martin, Commissioner Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, Commissioner Tate and Commissioner McDowell.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact this office.

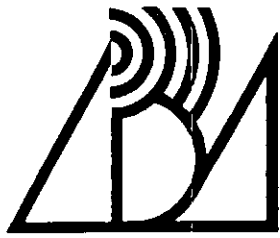
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The Commission should not vote on this matter without providing for adequate review and public comment. I urge you to remove this issue from the November 4th meeting agenda.

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